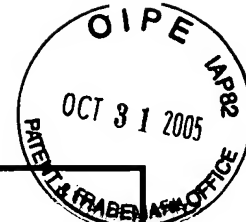


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It is hereby requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the Final Office Action, dated June 29, 2005, which extends the period for reply to October 31, 2005 (October 29, 2005 being a Saturday, October 30, 2005 being a Sunday).

Submitted herewith are the following items:

- ☒ a response to the Final Office Action dated June 29, 2005.
- ☐ formal drawings.
 - ☐ (The Issue Fee due _____ has been timely filed.)
- ☐ a Notice of Appeal.
 - ☐ (A timely response to the Final Rejection due _____ has been filed.)
- ☐ an Appeal Brief.
- ☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☐ Other: _____
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- ☐ The fee for a _____-month extension of time has previously been paid on _____.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$60.00 to cover any required fees. In the event any variance exists between this amount and the Patent office Charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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